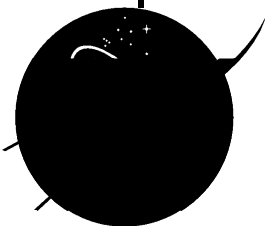


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# Preface

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## Abstract

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This Interface Control Document (ICD) describes interface agreements between the Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission (TRMM) Science Data and Information System (TSDIS) and Earth Observing System (EOS) Data and Information System (EOSDIS) Backbone Network (EBnet).

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# **Section 1. Introduction**

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## **1.1 Authority and Responsibility**

The Mission Operations and Data Systems Directorate (MO&DSD) has the authority to implement Earth Observing System (EOS) Data and Information System (EOSDIS) Backbone Network (EBnet). This authority was granted to the MO&DSD by the EOS project, under the Office of Mission to Planet Earth (Code Y). The EBnet project is under the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Communications (Nascom) Division of the MO&DSD.

Code 540 will provide an operational communications network to support high-speed network communications between EBnet and non-EBnet hosts. The primary responsibility for this project has been assigned to the Nascom Division, Code 540. The system requirements are documented by the references in Section 2.1. These have been approved by the EBnet Project Manager, and are controlled by the Nascom Configuration Control Board (CCB).

## **1.2 Purpose**

The purpose of this document is to provide a detailed definition of the interface(s) between the EBnet and the Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission (TRMM) Science Data and Information System (TSDIS).

## **1.3 Scope**

This Interface Control Document (ICD) defines and controls the functions, communications protocol(s), frame formats, and electrical characteristics of the interfaces between EBnet-provided equipment, software, and communications paths and other entities that directly interface with the network. Interfaces provided by Nascom are included in the scope of this document. Interfaces between EBnet users and other systems not provided by Nascom are not within the scope of this document.

## **1.4 Time Frame**

This ICD shall be in effect from the date of the last approval signature.

## **1.5 Goals and Objectives**

The goals of EBnet are to:

- a. Implement an operational, integrated, transparent communications system that serves the data communications needs of projects supported by NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC), and users outside the MO&DSD.
- b. Expand using industry standard system solutions while maintaining compatibility with the existing network and user interfaces.

- c. Minimize costs for implementation, operation, and maintenance of the network.
- d. Minimize life-cycle costs.
- e. Maintain high availability by designing with redundancy, and without single points of failure in the Network Backbone.
- f. Utilize state-of-the-art technology, utilizing equipment with the best price-performance available commercially.
- g. Allow for growth, adaptability to changing requirements, infusion of new technology, and upgraded interfaces throughout the life-cycle.
- h. Provide for reliable data transfer between host systems and users.

## **1.6 Standards Precedence**

EBnet will be based on Government, commercial, and international standards. In case of conflict, the following precedence (in descending order) applies:

- This EBnet ICD
- Government standards
- Commercial and/or international standards

## **1.7 Document Organization**

Section 2 contains parent, applicable, and reference documents related to this ICD.

Section 3 details a systems overview of the EBnet, TRMM, and the interrelationship.

Section 4 describes the EBnet system architecture and identifies the standards supported at each level of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) model.

Section 5 describes the facilities agreements.

A list of abbreviations and acronyms is provided at the end of the document.

## Section 2. Related Documentation

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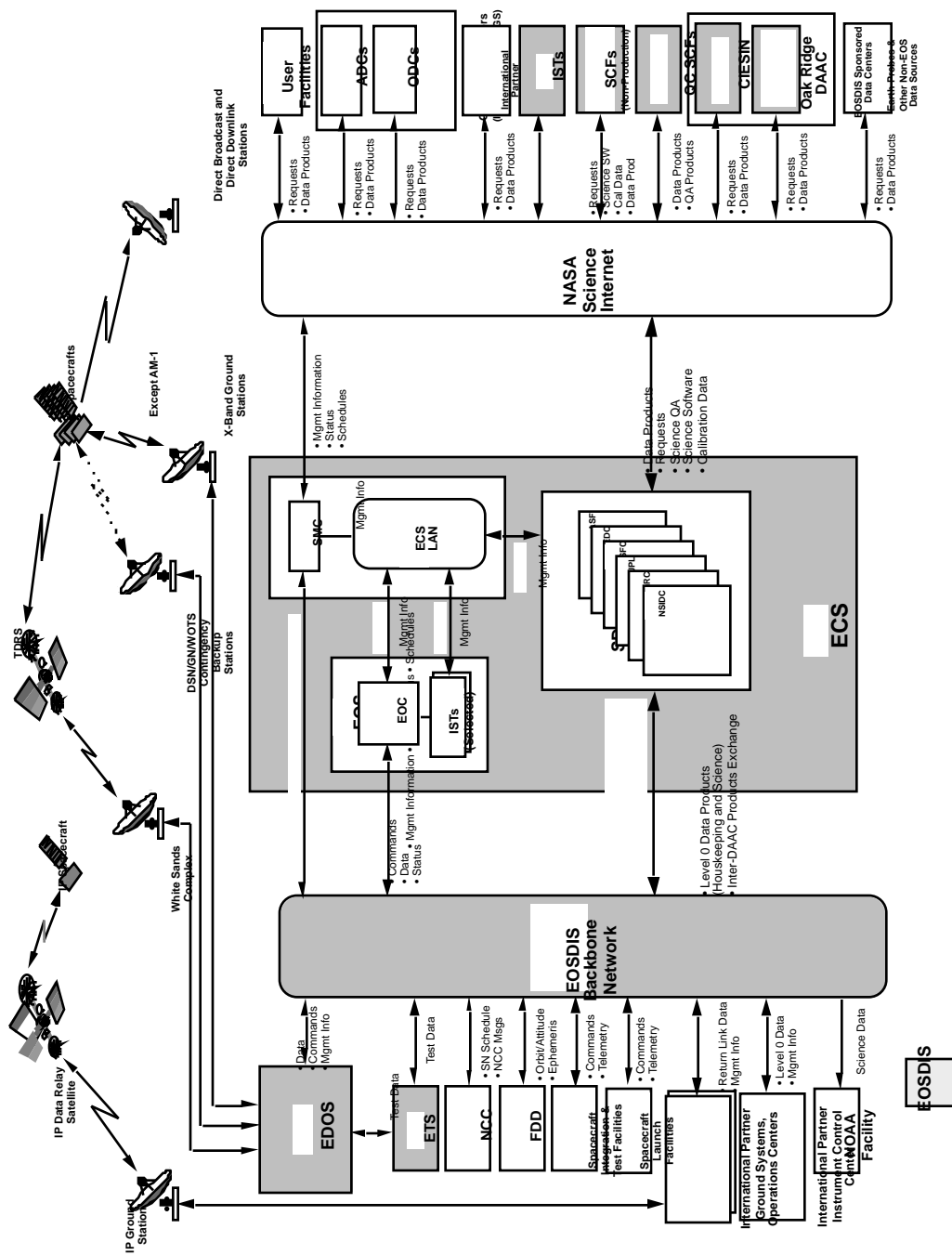
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### 3.1 EBnet General System Description

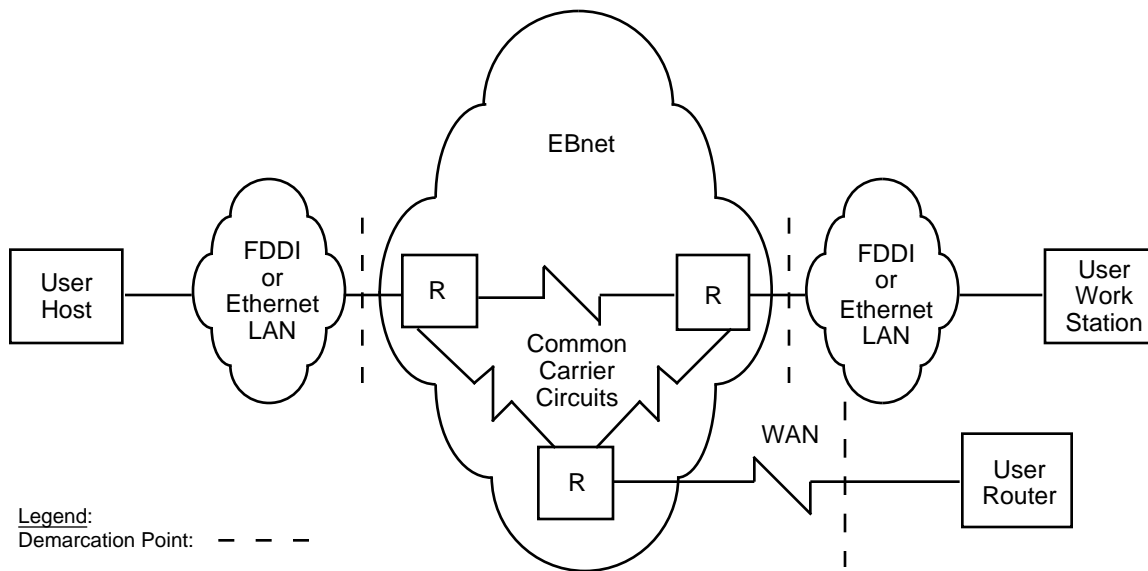
The EBnet provides wide-area communications circuits and facilities between and among various EOS Ground System (EGS) elements to support mission operations and to transport mission data between EOSDIS elements. The relationship of EBnet to other elements supporting EOS is shown in Figure 3-1. EBnet is responsible for transporting spacecraft command, control, and science data nationwide on a continuous basis, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The EBnet capability to transport these diverse types of data is implemented as two distinct subnetworks referred to as "real-time" and "science" networks. The real-time network transports mission-critical data related to the health and safety of on-orbit space systems and raw science telemetry as well as pre-launch testing and launch support. This highly redundant network provides an operational availability of 0.9998 with a Mean Time to Restore Service (MTTRS) of 1 minute. The science network transports data collected from spacecraft instruments and various levels of processed science data including expedited data sets, production data sets, and rate-buffered science data. The science network provides an operational availability of 0.98 with a MTTRS of 4 hours.

EBnet provides three options for accessing the Internet Protocol (IP)-based EBnet transport service: local area network (LAN) Ethernet, LAN Fiber Distributed Data Interface (FDDI), and wide area network (WAN) carrier service. Figure 3-2 shows an example of each of these types of interface/demarcation points to EBnet users. This ICD describes the EBnet/TSDIS interface which uses the WAN and/or LAN interface types.



3-1. EOS Ground System

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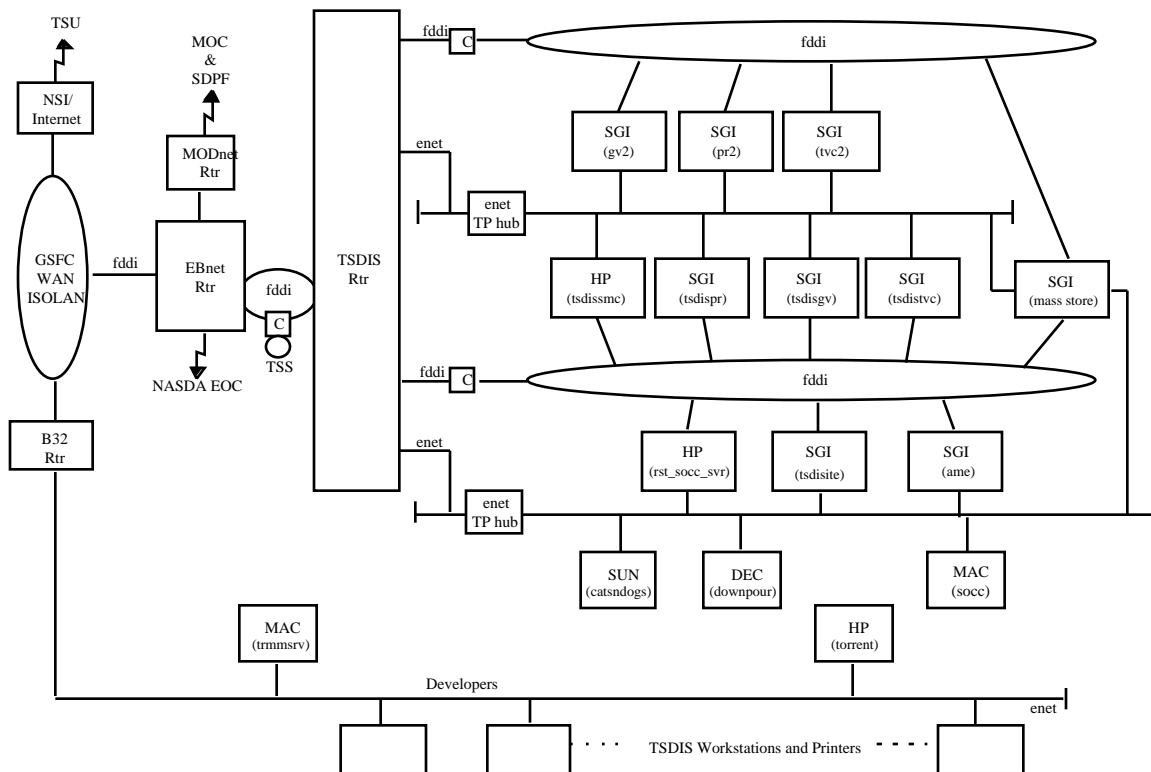
**Figure 3-2. EBnet Demarcations**

Sustaining engineering, preventive and remedial maintenance, and network monitoring services are provided for EBnet equipment, to ensure that EBnet keeps pace with technology and standards, and provides continuous service. The official point of contact for EBnet operational status is the Nascom Communications Manager (301-286-6141). Users who detect a network problem are urged to immediately report it to the COMMGR. The COMMGR may also provide users with limited information about maintenance and status actions. Refer to the Nascom IONET User Guide (541-225) for information regarding user connections, security guidelines, and maintenance information.

### 3.2 TSDIS Description

The TRMM project will receive Level 0 data from the Science Data Processing Facility (SDPF), process that data, and make it available to TSDIS Science Users. TRMM consists of two entities: the TSDIS and the TRMM Mission Operations Center (MOC), both located in Building 32 at GSFC. TSDIS is the data processing system and the MOC controls the satellite from the electronically secure Closed Segment of MO&DSD Operational/Development Network (MODNET)/Nascom Operational Local Area Network (NOLAN). The TSDIS architecture is shown in Figure 3-3. The TSDIS workstations connect to an FDDI ring. A TSDIS router is the gateway to external connections through EBnet.





**Figure 3-3. TSDIS Architecture**

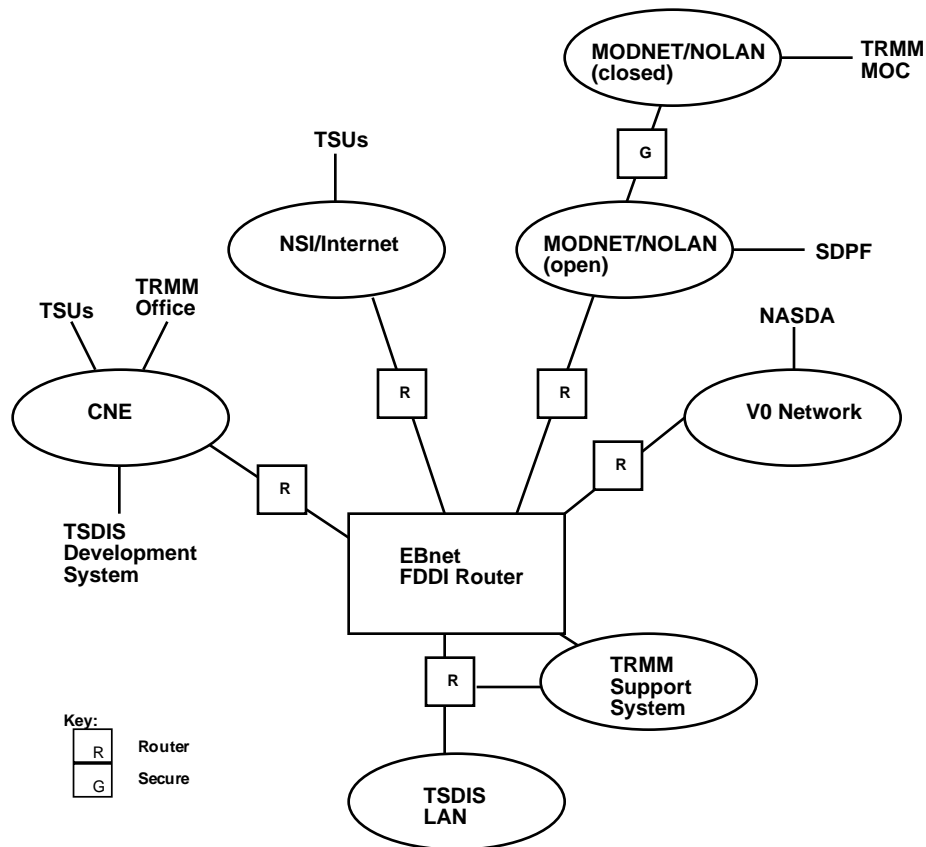
### 3.3 Relationship between TSDIS and EBnet

EBnet will support all TSDIS external interfaces as shown in Figure 4-1. TSDIS major data flows are to EOSDIS, specifically the TRMM Support System (TSS) located at GSFC. The TSDIS interface to the EBnet network management system will be status via Email of TSDIS-associated outages. These messages will be generated through the EBnet Network Operations Center trouble-ticketing system. Status information will also be available via a World Wide Web site maintained by EBnet.

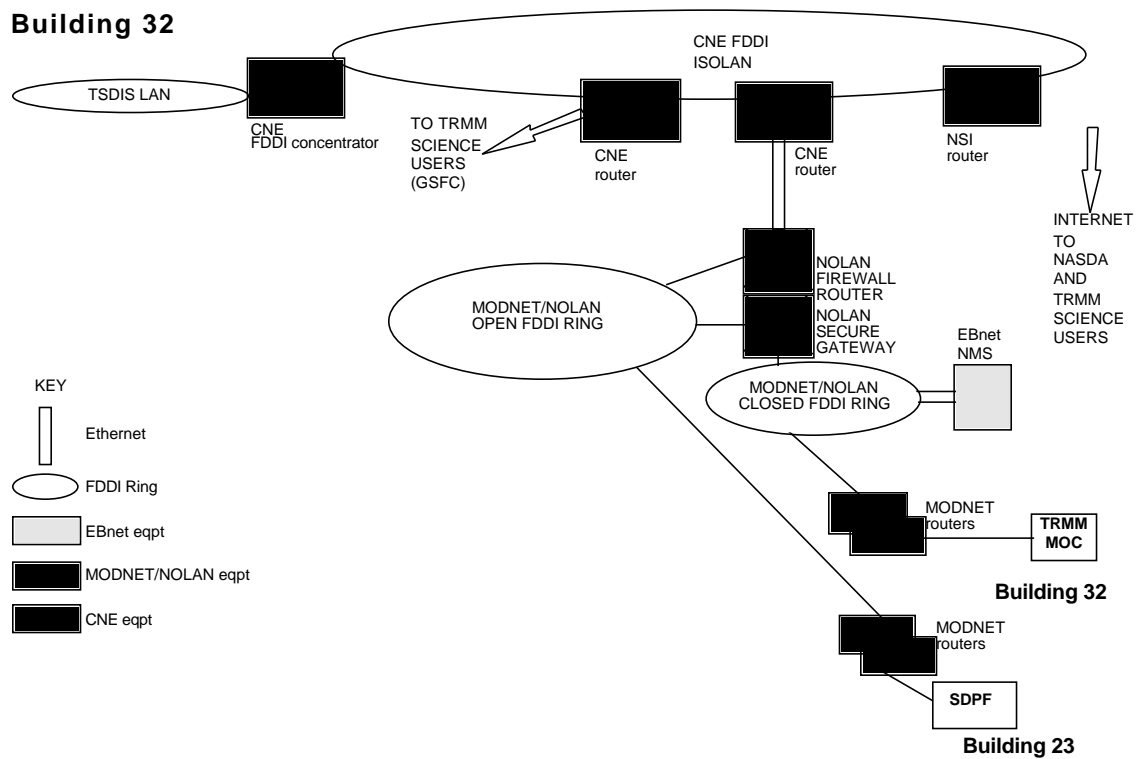
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### 4.1 Interface Design Overview

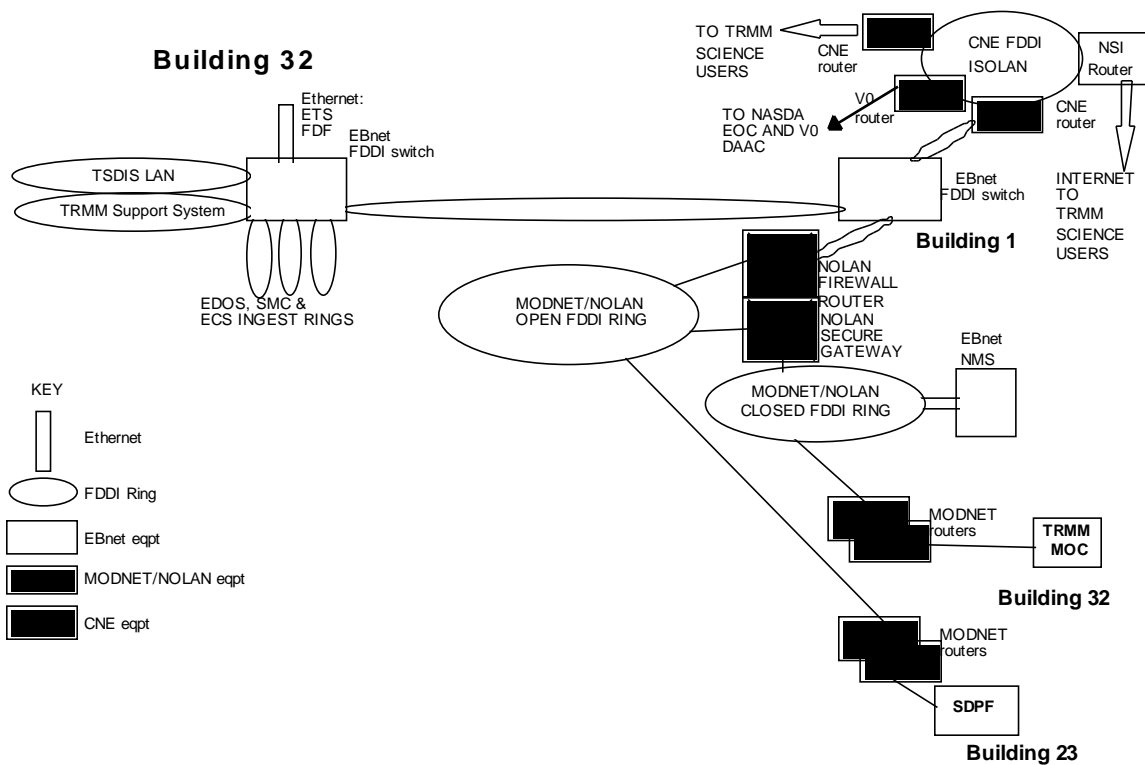
The TSDIS interfaces supported by EBnet, the GSFC Center Network Environment (CNE), and the NASA Science Internet (NSI) are shown in Figure 4-1. The TRMM interface data flow requirements, starting in the March-April 1996 time frame, will first be supported by the CNE (a network service which is supported 8 hours per day, 5 days per week). When the EBnet FDDI switches are installed and tested, a transition will occur to move the TSDIS over to the EBnet service, which is supported on a 24-hour, 7-day per week basis. Figure 4-2 shows the temporary configuration using the CNE network. Figure 4-3 shows the final EBnet-supported configuration. The transition will be accomplished by modifying the fiberoptic connections between wire closets in Building 32, and adding two additional FDDI-compliant fiberoptic cables between the EBnet switch and the local wire closet (W251C). The TSDIS router will be configured as a Dual-Attached Station (DAS).



**Figure 4-1. TSDIS Interfaces**



**Figure 4-2. EBnet Configuration Supporting TSDIS Interfaces (For IR-1 Testing via CNE)**



**Figure 4-3. EBnet Configuration Supporting TSDIS Interfaces  
(Release A and B via EBnet)**

## 4.2 Design Assumptions

TSDIS transfers no real-time data to external locations.

EBnet will provide network management using Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), including monitoring and control, for all EBnet-provided equipment (routers, concentrators, etc.). Read-only access must be provided for any user-provided routing equipment attached to EBnet. Reference the EBnet to Systems Monitoring and Coordination Center ICD (540-036) for further information.

EBnet routers will provide filters to support security on a subnet basis. No service or port-level filters will be supported.

## 4.3 Overview of System Interfaces

The following sections detail the standards that will be supported at each level of the ISO seven-layer model.

### 4.3.1 ISO Layer One Interface Control (Physical Layer)

EBnet will support the following physical layer connections from the TSDIS:

- a. ISO 9314-1, FDDI Physical Layer Protocol (PHY)
- b. ISO 9314-3, FDDI Physical Layer Medium Dependent (PMD)

#### **4.3.2 ISO Layer Two Interface Control (Data Link Layer)**

EBnet will support the following data link layer protocols from TSDIS:

- a. ISO 9314-2, FDDI Media Access Control (MAC) Protocol

#### **4.3.3 ISO Layer Three Interface Control (Network Layer)**

EBnet will support the following network layer protocols from TSDIS:

- a. RFC 791, Internet Protocol Version 4.0
- b. RFC 826, Address Resolution Protocol (ARP)
- c. RFC 903, Reverse Address Resolution Protocol (RARP)
- d. RFC 1058, Routing Information Protocol (RIP)
- e. RFC 1247, Open Shortest Path First (OSPF)

#### **4.3.4 ISO Layer Four Interface Control (Transport Layer)**

EBnet will support transparent communication at the transport layer.

#### **4.3.5 ISO Layer Five Interface Control (Session Layer)**

EBnet will support transparent communication at the session layer.

#### **4.3.6 ISO Layer Six Interface Control (Presentation Layer)**

EBnet will support transparent communication at the presentation layer.

#### **4.3.7 ISO Layer Seven Interface Control (Application Layer)**

EBnet will support transparent communication at the application layer.

#### **4.3.8 Network/Station Management Protocols**

EBnet shall support, at a minimum, the following management protocols:

- a. SNMP
- b. FDDI Station Management (SMT) 6.2 or higher

## **4.4 Routing and Addressing Guidelines**

EBnet will be internetworked by routers which will be configured to support only the IP, and will provide isolation for separate networks. Bay Networks FDDI routers have been chosen to provide network access to users.

EBnet will utilize standard IP addressing conventions. EBnet will provide Class C subnet addresses to each connected user. The subnet address assigned to the TSDIS ethernet #1 (the bottom ethernet in figure 3-3) is 198.118.195.32 with a 224 subnet mask. The subnet address assigned to the TSDIS ethernet #2 (the top ethernet in figure 3-3) is 198.118.195.64 with a 224 subnet mask. The subnet address assigned to the TSDIS FDDI is 198.118.195.96 with a 224 subnet mask. The interface between the EBnet and TSDIS routers is implemented as a FDDI connection. The subnet address assigned to the interface between the TSDIS and EBnet routers is 198.118.195.128 with a 224 subnet mask. This FDDI is also used as the TSS outer FDDI LAN. The Open Shortest Path First (OSPF) routing protocol will be used between EBnet and TSDIS routers.

## **4.5 Data Flow Requirements**

The purpose of the interface between TSDIS and EBnet is to support connectivity between TSDIS and the various internal and external systems. All TRMM data flows supported by EBnet are solely science traffic.

**Table 4-1. TSDIS Data Flow Requirements**

Network Interface	Initial Processing (MBytes/day)	Reprocessing (MBytes/day)	Total (MBytes/day)	Raw Transfer Total (Kbits/sec) Based on 16 hrs/day	EBnet Loaded Data Transfer Requirement (Kbits/sec)
TSS to TSDIS	5	24,200	24,205	3,362	8,405
TSDIS to TSS	30,358	41,197	71,552	9,938	24,844
NASDA EOC to TSDIS	1	0	1	.1	0
TSDIS to NASDA EOC	2	0	2	.3	1
SDPF to TSDIS	2,065	N/A	2,065	286.8	717
TSDIS to SDPF	minimal	N/A	0	0	0
TRMM MOC to TSDIS	40	N/A	40	5.6	14
TSDIS to TRMM MOC	<1	N/A	<1	.1	0
TSUs to TSDIS	2	2	3	.4	1
TSDIS to TSUs	1,909	130	2,039	283.2	708

## 4.6 Recommended Equipment List

There will be no EBnet equipment located in TSDIS-controlled areas.

## **Section 5. Facilities and Maintenance Demarcation**

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### **5.1 Equipment Location**

EBnet will interface to the TSDIS router located in Building 32 at GSFC. EBnet equipment will be located in the EOSDIS Operations Center (EOC) Equipment Room, Building 32 Room C210-H.

### **5.2 Maintenance Demarcation**

The demarcation point between EBnet maintenance and TSDIS maintenance is the connection at the TSDIS Router. Cabling will be provided and maintained by EBnet. TSDIS will provide 24-hour access to EBnet maintenance personnel for troubleshooting purposes.



## Abbreviations and Acronyms

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ADC	Affiliated Data Center
ARP	Address Resolution Protocol
ASF	Alaska SAR Facility
B	building
CCB	Configuration Control Board
CCITT	International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee
CIESIN	Consortium for International Earth Science Information Network
CNE	Center Network Environment
CSMA/CD	Carrier-Sense Multiple-Access with Collision Detection
CSMS	Communication and System Management Segment
DAAC	Distributed Active Archive Center
DARPA	Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
DAS	Dual-Attached Station
DCN	document change notice
DSN	Deep Space Network
EBnet	EOSDIS Backbone Network
ECS	EOSDIS Core System
EDC	EROS Data Center
EDOS	EOS Data and Operations System
EGS	EOS Ground System
EIA	Electronic Industries Association
enet	ethernet
EOC	EOSDIS Operations Center
EOS	Earth Observing System
EOSDIS	EOS Data and Information System
eqpt	equipment
EROS	Earth Resources Observation System

ESDIS	Earth Science Data and Information System
ETS	EOSDIS Test System
FDD	Flight Dynamics Division
FDDI	Fiber Distributed Data Interface
FDF	Flight Dynamics Facility
FOS	Flight Operations Segment
FOT	Flight Operations Team
FY	fiscal year
G	secure gateway
GCDIS	Global Change Data & Information System
GN	Ground Network
GSFC	Goddard Space Flight Center
GV	ground validation data
ICD	Interface Control Document
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers
IGMP	Internet Group Multicast Protocol
info	information
IONET	IP Operational Network
IP	Internet Protocol
IR	interim release
IRD	Interface Requirements Document
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
ISOLAN	isolated local area network
IST	Instrument Support Terminal
ITE	Integration and Test Environment
JPL	Jet Propulsion Laboratory
Kbps	kilobits per second
LAN	local area network
LaRC	Langley Research Center

LIS	Lightening Imaging Sensor
LLC	Logical Link Control
MAC	Media Access Control
Mbyte	megabyte
mgmt	management
MO&DSD	Mission Operations and Data Systems Directorate
MOC	Mission Operations Center
MODNET	MO&DSD Operational/Development Network
MSFC	Marshall Space Flight Center
msgs	messages
MTTRS	Mean Time to Restore Service
mux	multiplexer
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Nascom	NASA Communications
NASDA	National Space Development Agency
NCC	Network Control Center
NMI	NASA Management Instruction
NMS	network management subsystem
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NOLAN	Nascom Operational Local Area Network
NSI	NASA Science Internet
NSIDC	National Snow and Ice Data Center
ODC	Other Data Center
Ops	Operations
OSPF	Open Shortest Path First
PGS	Product Generation System
PHY	Physical Layer Protocol
PMD	Physical Layer Medium Dependent
PPP	Point-to-Point Protocol

PR	Precipitation Radar
QA	Quality Assurance
QC	Quality Control
R	router
RARP	Reverse Address Resolution Protocol
RFC	Request for Comment
RIP	Routing Information Protocol
RST	Remote Science Terminal Interface
SAR	Synthetic Aperture Radar
SCF	Science Computing Facility
SDPF	Science Data Processing Facility
SDPS	Science Data Processing Segment
SMC	Systems Monitoring and Coordination Center
SMT	Station Management
SN	Space Network
SNMP	Simple Network Management Protocol
SOCC	Science Operations Control Center
SW	software
TDRS	Tracking and Data Relay Satellite
TKSC	Tsukuba Space Center
TRMM	Tropical Rainfall Measuring Mission
TSDIS	TRMM Science Data and Information System
TSS	TRMM Support System
TSU	TRMM Science User
USGS	United States Geological Survey
WAN	wide area network
WOTS	Wallops Orbital Tracking Station

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